

In the Claims

Please replace claims 35, 48, and 49 with the following amended versions of those claims:

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35. (Amended) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 34 wherein the interactive television program guide is configured to display the selectable list of categories based on the selected favorite categories.

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48. (Amended) The method defined in claim 47 wherein distinctively displaying further comprises displaying the matching program listings in a distinctive color.

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49. (Amended) The method defined in claim 47 wherein distinctively displaying further comprises displaying the matching program listings with distinctive labels.

Please add the following new claims 62-80:

a3
62. (New) Machine-readable media for use in an interactive television program guide system in which an interactive television program guide is at least partially implemented on user equipment of a user, wherein the media

is encoded with machine-readable instructions for performing the method comprising:

supplying program listings to the interactive television program guide;

supplying information on certain simple categories of programming and certain combination categories of programming that are associated with the program listings;

displaying a selectable list of the simple categories and combination categories on the user equipment with the interactive television program guide; and

searching for program listings with the interactive television program guide that match a given category selected from the selectable list by the user and displaying the matching program listings with the interactive television program guide on the user equipment.

63. (New) The machine-readable media defined in claim 62 further encoded with machine-readable instructions for:

assigning to the program listings certain ones of the combination categories each of which is composed of certain ones of the simple categories using a combination category build process in which a number of simple categories associated with each program listing are compared to a list of supported combination categories and a given

combination category is assigned to each program listing when the simple categories associated with that program listing match the simple categories from which the given combination category is composed.

64. (New) The machine-readable media defined in claim 62, further encoded with machine-readable instructions for:

supplying a list of supported combination categories, wherein the displaying the selectable list of the simple categories and combination categories comprises displaying the categories based on the list of supported combination categories.

65. (New) The machine-readable media defined in claim 62 wherein searching for program listings and displaying the matching program listings further comprises displaying the matching program listings in a display that only contains matching program listings.

66. (New) The machine-readable media defined in claim 62 wherein searching for program listings and displaying the matching program listings further comprises distinctively displaying the matching program listings in a display that contains matching and nonmatching program listings.

67. (New) The machine-readable media defined in claim 66 wherein distinctively displaying further comprises displaying the matching program listings in a distinctive color.

68. (New) The machine-readable media defined in claim 66 wherein distinctively displaying further comprises displaying the matching program listings with distinctive labels.

69. (New) The machine-readable media defined in claim 62 further encoded with machine-readable instructions for:

allowing the user to rearrange the selectable list.

70. (New) The machine-readable media defined in claim 62 further encoded with machine-readable instructions for:

allowing the user to rearrange the selectable list by providing an option for the user to select a given programming category and to designate an order of placement on the selectable list for that given programming category and by redisplaying the selectable list with the selected given programming category in the designated order.

71. (New) The machine-readable media defined in claim 62 further encoded with machine-readable instructions for:

allowing the user to rearrange the selectable list by providing an option for the user to delete a given programming category and by redisplaying the selectable list with the given programming category deleted.

72. (New) The machine-readable media defined in claim 62 further encoded with machine-readable instructions for:

allowing the user to rearrange the selectable list by providing an option for the user to select a given programming category and by redisplaying the selectable list with the given programming category reordered to the top of the selectable list.

73. (New) The machine-readable media defined in claim 62 further encoded with machine-readable instructions for:

automatically rearranging the selectable list with the program guide based on how frequently the user selects certain categories from the selectable list.

74. (New) The machine-readable media defined in claim 62 further encoded with machine-readable instructions for:

allowing the user to designate certain categories as favorites.

75. (New) The machine-readable media defined in claim 74 further encoded with machine-readable instructions for:

displaying the selectable list of categories based on the selected favorite categories.

76. (New) The machine-readable media defined in claim 62 further encoded with machine-readable instructions for:

providing a television distribution facility connected to the user equipment for providing the program listings and television programming to the user equipment.

77. (New) The machine-readable media defined in claim 62 further encoded with machine-readable instructions for:

providing the program listings to the user equipment over the Internet.